

HOUSE BILL 1393
By Brooks (Knox)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 9, Part 1, relative to the Tennessee Off-
Highway Vehicle Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 70-9-108.

(a) It is unlawful for any person who is less than sixteen (16) years of age
to operate any off-highway vehicle unless the user:

(1) Has successfully completed a course in safe operation and
use of an off-highway vehicle that is conducted or approved by the
agency; and

(2) Has received a certificate from the agency as evidence of
successful completion of any approved course accepted by the agency.

(b) Certificates of completion of off-highway vehicle safety courses
required by this section:

(1) Must be in the possession of the off-highway vehicle user while
such vehicle is in operation;

(2) Shall not expire, but may be revoked by action of an applicable
court; and

(3) Shall be issued for a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Replacement
cards shall be issued for a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

(c) A violation of the provisions of this section is a Class C misdemeanor punished by a fine only and, in addition to the fine, a court may revoke a certificate of completion of an off-highway vehicle safety course. It is unlawful for an owner or person directly in charge of an off-highway vehicle subject to registration to authorize or permit knowingly such off-highway vehicle to be operated on the lands of this state in violation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.